

Defining WIDA



Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township

During our LAP Family Night, every school had a WIDA standard to highlight.



WE ARE the MSD of Wayne Township, an urban school district, located on the west side of Indianapolis. We have a total student population of approximately 15,500 students. We have 1 preschool, 11 elementary schools, 2 junior highs, 1 ninth grade center, 2 high schools, 1 virtual school, and 2 alternative programs. Our Free/reduced lunch rate is 77% and our district mobility rate is 17%.

OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES We currently have 2,607 (levels 1-4), 17%, and 3,331 students (levels 1-5, including those in Year 1 and Year 2 of monitoring) 21%, of English Learners. We have 73 languages and 78 countries represented in our district.

OUR TEACHERS We have a total of 30.5 **Language Assistance Program (LAP)** teachers in our program and 44 LAP paraprofessionals. This includes a half time teacher at our preschool and full time paraprofessional.

Percentages of teachers WIDA Trained:
100% of English Learner teachers are trained in WIDA .
95% our paraprofessionals have been trained in WIDA.
100% of all staff developers trained in WIDA.
5 schools at 100% of staff trained.
4 schools at 50-99% of staff trained.
3 schools at 30-49% of staff trained.
4 schools at 0-29% of staff trained.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

Wayne's Introduction to WIDA Training defined:

Schools can consider an administrator, EL staff member, and content area teacher trained if the staff member has participated in **any one of the following sessions/trainings at the district OR school level:**

District Level

Any individual who attended Rachel Syrja's two day training in July or October..."Introduction to WIDA and Sheltered Instruction"

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- Any individual who attended the National WIDA Conference
- Any individual who attended the November 4, training with Rachel Syrja (2-hour sessions) with an emphasis on WIDA.
- Any individual who attended the INTESOL conference
- Any LAP teacher who worked with Rachel Syrja the four days this summer to learn about WIDA and the Model Performance Indicators
- INTESOL attendees

School Level

Content Teachers/Administrators/EL Staff that have participated in a session or several sessions that included **ALL** of the following:

- WIDA Overview of Standards
- Importance of Academic Vocabulary for each content
- WIDA standards as support standards of grade level content standards
- Can Do Descriptors
- Essential Actions and/or Model Performance Indicators (MPIs are embedded in the K-8 Units)
- An understanding of the importance of sheltering instruction/making content comprehensible through visuals, graphic organizers, peer assistance, gestures, etc.

OUR SOURCES: LAP Paraprofessional training...



English Learners working using SI strategies



For more information about our school or corporation, email: Denita.Harris@wayne.k12.in.us or visit our website: www.wayne.k12.in.us and go to the Services & Links tab, click on Language Assistance Program.